

YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION Special Meeting 6:30 p.m. <u>June 9, 2026</u> Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333 MINUTES	MINUTES Page 1 of 2 PC APPROVED:___ Special PC Mtg. June 9, 2026
Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Planning Commission Chair, Shana Bush. <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u> Roll Call: Present: Bush, Fiala, Frigmanski, Knowles, Smith, Trygier. Absent with notice: Craven, 6 Present; 1 Absent Staff Present: Dennis Buist, Sandy Marcukaitis, Joe Shea, Jim McManus Visitors: 2	CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE ROLL CALL
<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA:</u> <u>Adds/Changes:</u> None <i>Motion by Fiala with support from Trygier to approve the Agenda as presented.</i> All AYES. MOTION CARRIED. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u> (Non-agenda matters) - (Limit to 3 minutes per person-additional comments after Old Business) Tom Mawson, Yankee Springs Township resident, presented a handout on artificial turf and the effects on our lakes, streams, and rivers. He encouraged the committee to be aware of this and potentially consider taking action. <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> None <u>OLD BUSINESS:</u> Discussion and Input on Master Plan: Ms. Bush notes that the first three sections have been roughly drafted already. For their work tonight the group decided to go through the Master Plan beginning with the fourth section and work on a rough draft from there to the end. Mr, Fiala noted a few things of importance as the PC begins their work tonight. He would like the group to clarify the terms used for the 'Future Land Use' map and the Zoning map. Mr. Fiala would also like to invite the representatives from the DNR to share their five year plan with the Planning Commission.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT NEW BUSINESS OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION OF MASTER PLAN

The PC discussed inviting input and feedback from important township representatives such as the lake representatives from the lakes in the township and the M-179 corridor business owners.

It was decided that the business owners and land owners on the M-179 Corridor will be invited to attend the Special Planning Meeting on July 14. The lake representatives and the DNR will be invited to a later meeting. Mr. McManus suggested having the Barry County GIS map available that can be displayed so that the properties being discussed can be seen.

Chapter 4: Public Input

Input has been received from the 2025 survey and comments from the public.

Ms. Bush led through a discussion of the proposed Master Plan, which will be updated to reflect data from the most recent survey from 2025.

Top priorities identified in the 2025 survey were:

Environmental Resources

Township property maintenance (zoning)

Bike Trail System (non-motorized)

Enhancing existing Park Sites

Restaurants, retail and small businesses in Yankee Springs Township

Ms. Bush will re-write the section on priority issues identified by Township residents.

Chapter 5: Goals and Objectives

Residential section - Mr. McManus suggested adding a Housing Plan. He will share pertinent information on that.

Mr. McManus suggests adding several goals including: Recognizing the potential inevitability of Alternative Energy sources and functions, and Agricultural Goals.

Ms. Bush will update the language in the old Master Plan to reflect current goals.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (2 minute limit)

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Bush with support from Fiala to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.

All AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Approved by: Frank Fiala 7/14/28
Frank Fiala, Planning Commission Secretary Date

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Dykgraaf, Recording Secretary

Next Master Plan meeting July 14th.

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